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EVALUATION OF TECHNICAL EDUCATION
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the AICTE has made any evaluation of the present level of technical education in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the technical courses being offered in the country are at par with international standards;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the steps taken / being taken by the Government to improve the quality of technical education in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SMT. D. PURANDESWARI)

(a) & (b) : The National Board of Accreditation, set up under the AICTE Act, accredits programmes of technical education after assessing their quality.

(c) & (d) : There are no uniquely defined "international standards" in regard to technical education courses.

(e) : The XI Five Year Plan envisages several steps for improvement of quality technical education, including setting up more institutions like IITs and IIMs, and improvements in curricula, pedagogy, accreditation and evaluation system, and faculty development programmes.